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Applicant:	D.A. Farias et al.	Examiner:	Gerald J. O'Connor
Serial No.:	09/712,584	Group Art Unit:	3627
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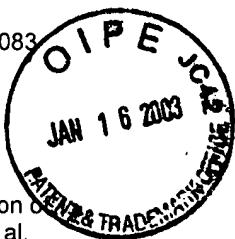
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This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 8, 2002. The Examiner rejected certain claims as directed toward non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101 and other claims as lacking proper antecedent basis under 35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2. Applicants have amended certain claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112 rejections and request withdrawal of these rejections for the reasons discussed herein. The Examiner further rejected all the pending claims 1-65 as either anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants submit that the prior art rejections are improper for the reasons discussed herein. If the Examiner maintains his prior art rejections, Applicants request that the Examiner issue a new non-final Office Action specifically showing which sections of the lengthy prior art reference disclose, teach and suggest specific limitations of the claims so that the Applicants may properly ascertain the grounds of rejection and respond thereto.

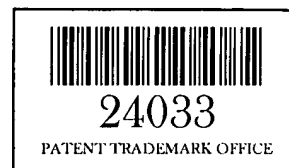


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